(5) Concessional loans at an interest rate of 4% per annum are given to sugar factories from Sugar Development Fund (SDF) for modernization of plant and machinery, expansion of crushing capacity, utilization of by-products *viz.* baggasse for co-generation of power and molasses for production of ethanol, upgradation of technology and sugarcane development including better irrigation facilities, improved seed variety, ratoon management etc.

(6) A short term scheme has been announced for cane development in the current financial year under which loans of Rs.1.0 to 2.5 crore will be available to sugar factories depending upon their crushing capacity, for purchase of seeds, fertilizers and pesticides etc.

Various Crops Development scheme namely National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), Integrated Scheme of Oilseed, Pulses, Oil palm and Maize (ISOPOM), and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) are being implemented in order to enhance the production and productivity of food grains and sugarcane.

Suicide by farmers in Andhra Pradesh

1691. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU:
SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA:
SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 20 suicide deaths have been reported in a span of forty days due to drought from Telangana and Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the help Government is extending to the State, particularly to the families of farmers who have committed suicides?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (c) As per information made available by the State Government, 72 farmers committed suicide from January to October, 2009 on account of agrarian reasons, comprising 43 from Telangana region and 23 from Rayalaseema region of the state. The District-wise and month-wise distribution of these suicides is given in statement (*See* below). The measures taken by the State Government to address the problem of drought affected areas includes Drought Contingency Plan of Rs.91.92 crore to provide for various alternate crop seeds of which Rs.35.00 crore has already been released by the Government towards seed subsidy. Total input subsidy amount of Rs.471.46 crore has already been released towards input subsidy to the small//marginal farmers whose crops are affected due to drought in 19 Districts of Andhra Pradesh. A Rehabilitation Package for 16 suicide prone districts of Andhra Pradesh with an approved provision of Rs. 9650.55 crore is under implementation since September 2006. Till 30th September, 2009, 94.52% of the approved provision has been released by Central/State Government and Banks.

Statement

District-wise and Month-wise data of suicide by farmers on account of agrarian reasons in Andhra Pradesh from January, 2009 to October, 2009 as per information received from State Government

(No. of cases of suicide by farmers)

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Total
1.	Adilabad	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	9
2.	Ananthapur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.	Chittoor	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
4.	Kadapa	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5.	E. Godavari	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Guntur	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
7.	Krishna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
8.	Karimnagar	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	10
9.	Khammam	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
10.	Kurnool	3	1	2	2	2	1	3	4	0	0	18
11.	Mahabubnagar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Medak	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	4	3	0	12
13.	SPS Nellore	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
14.	Nizamabad	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	7
15.	Nalgonda	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
16.	Prakasam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Ranga Reddy	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3
18.	Srikakulam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19.	W. Godavari	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
20.	Vishakhapatnam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21.	Vizianagaram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22.	Warangal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	11	5	7	3	2	3	12	25	3	1	72